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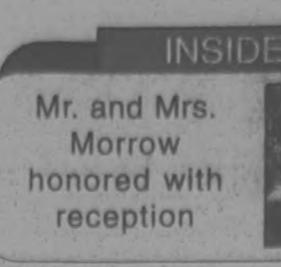
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County BOE approves personnel changes during "called" meeting

## Mark Coale assumes position as principal at Kinston



by Linda Hodge, Editor

\* Employ Sandy Reeves as a

first grade teacher at New

Brockton Elementary School;

\* Employ Angie Jimright as a

kindergarten teacher at Zion

Chapel Elementary School; \* Employ Kristi Hudson as a

third grade teacher at Zion

Chapel Elementary School;

\* Employ Joni Smith as a

fifth grade teacher at Zion

Chapel Elementary School;

\* Employ Linda Gavin as a

Librarian at Zion Chapel

School; and \* Employ John Donaldson as

the irrigation work is ready to

begin his process once the fence

is in place.

In other business, the board

Approved the bid for copy

paper (domestic) to Strickland

Paper of Montgomery. The

company provided the low bid

at \$19,70 per case.

Rejected all bids for the

cleaning of carpet and tile at

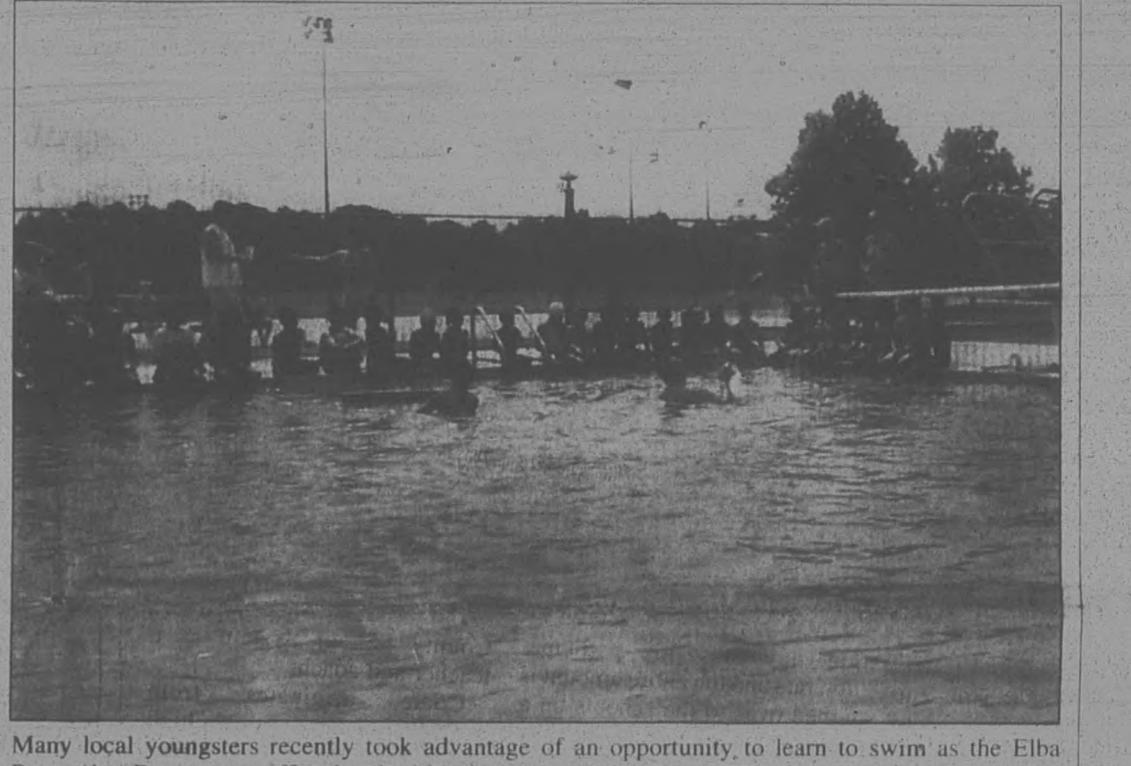
the schools. Based on the bids

received, Ingram said she felt

this project could be done a dif-

ferent way with better results.

## Youngsters learn to swim at Elba City Pool



Many local youngsters recently took advantage of an opportunity to learn to swim at the Elba Recreation Department offered swimming lessons at the city pool. The lessons were taught by the lifeguards at the city pool, and as the photo shows, there was a huge interest as several youngsters attended the week long classes. Throughout the week, the students were taught the basics of swimming. Above, they were able to take turns jumping off the diving board as the course instructors assisted them. The swimming lessons are offered each summer by the recreation department.

Mark Coale began his new job as principal at Kinston on Tuesday, July 9. Coale will oversee grades K-12 at the Kinston School facility. His employment was approved by the Coffee County Board of Education during a "called" meeting Monday, July 8.

Elba Water & Electric board meeting reveals

Volunteer fee nets \$5,375 for

local schools in first month

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board held its monthly meeting Monday evening as highlighted with the promotion of Terry Pike from "acting" Electric Department Supervisor to Supervisor. The action was taken after a short executive session of the board, called at the request of Chairman Tim Johnson.

The board members approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$16,698.60. This included \$7,635.00 for purchase of new transformers, \$2,303.80 for water chemicals, \$5,089.68 for electricity at pumping stations, etc., \$4,232.45 for equipment repairs at Goshen Tractor Co., \$973.92 for other chemicals, \$2,189.72 "in working" signs, \$5,498.75 electric maintenance, \$5,215.67 water maintenance, \$1,293.21 vehicle repairs and

SL 618.90 office expenses. Johnson reported that during first month of it being implemented, the utility collected \$5,375 in volunteer \$5.00 donations to aid the local schools. This is about a 50% participation rate and the entire amount is turned over to the schools on a monthly basis.

Board members saw a report indicating the electric department responded to and completed 37 work orders ranging from trimming tree limbs to repairing street lights, connecting and disconnecting street lights and adding electric service to homes.

The water department responded to 61 work orders dominated with repairing water leaks and installing 15 back flow devices in water lines at homes.

During Monday evening's meeting, the board approved six other personnel matters with each of those passing by a unanimous vote. Each matter involved certified personnel and the following matters were approved:

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Elba City Council fails to approve cost of living raise

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening without Mayor James Grimes, who was out of town attending an Electric Cities membership meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over an uneventful meeting in his absence. Also absent was council member L. M. Birch.

The council had no surprises, following the pre-announced agenda from beginning to end.

Named to a term on the Elba Recreation Board was Mark Henderson.

The council approved supporting the program, "Making Academics Cool." This project is in cooperation with the State of Alabama State Board of Education and the local public school systems. By participating in the program, the city agrees to ask potential employees for a transcript of their high school grades and/or high school diploma, sending a clear message to students stressing the importance of staying in school and making good grades.

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and \$654.15 for chemicals and fertilizer.

Council members were given summary reports from both the police department and the animal control officer.

The police made 143 traffic arrests and issued 107 warnings. This is issued from the previous month of 71 and 87.

A resolution was approved agreeing to cooperate with the Alabama Department of Transportation in providing pedestrian safety improvements at various locations within the City of Elba.

Ronnie Hammond, from the Coffee County Extension Service, offered a resolution, which the council approved, supporting the program, "Making Academics Cool."

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## Area Happenings

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Monday, July 15, at 7 p.m. in the boy's locker room at Elba High School. All members are encouraged to attend.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY The library will present Summer of Mystery, the summer reading program, at 10 a.m. on July 16.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY will meet on Wednesday, July 24, and Thursday, July 25, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon each day. The Republican Women of Coffee County will be holding a luncheon meeting. Speakers will be West Howell, candidate for State Rep. Dist. 91, and Greg White, candidate for State Senate, Dist. 31. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer a AARP Driver Safety Program on Wednesday, July 24, and Thursday, July 25, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon each day. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course specially designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps drivers refine driving skills and develops safe defensive driving techniques. For more information call 1-800-424-9114 or visit the website at [www.aarp.org/programs/education/drivingsafety/](http://www.aarp.org/programs/education/drivingsafety/).

Another resident of the road spoke to the commission several weeks ago, and at that time everyone agreed that the hold up was residents not signing the deeds.

Kelley said he has been a resident on the road for more than 20 years, and there are 11 families

living currently living on the road. "I know we're having trouble getting the deeds signed," he said. "We're asking for your help."

Kelley explained to commissioners a need to have the road paved because of dangerous travel conditions. He said cars can not pass one another on the road because it is so narrow.

County administrator Wilson Bernest Brooks said the county's building authority actually owns the property. He said he was scheduled to attend a meeting of the building authority on Tuesday evening, and he would ask the authority at that time what it would like to do about Thomas' proposal.

Jeralean Thomas was the first county resident to speak to the commission, and her request involved a house located on county property in Enterprise.

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Bernest Brooks said the county's building authority actually owns the property. He said he was scheduled to attend a meeting of the building authority on Tuesday evening, and he would ask the authority at that time what it would like to do about Thomas' proposal.

The property is located in Commissioner Jim Thompson's district, and he too said he would like to know the building authority's position on the issue before it is made a comment.

The next resident to address the commission was a representative for a group of individuals in attendance for Monday's meeting.

Durwood Kelley, a resident of County Road 517, spoke to the commission and requested its help in getting the county road paved.

"Sounds like we are really close if all but one deed is signed," Tindell said. "We have surveyed this road several times."

He said the proposed route had been moved here and there in an effort to try and satisfy everyone on the road while still maintaining a safe route.

The commission and county engineer agreed to continue working with the residents in trying to find a solution to this issue so the paving project can

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

## 2002 Blue Jeans for Babies set for Friday, Aug. 23

Still more big companies are getting into the spotlight because of their accounting practices. As usual, a problem gets way out of hand before the American public knows what is happening, and then we over react to the extreme in the other direction. This could very well be the case in the newest whipping boy... Merck, or more precisely Merck's Medco unit. These guys have upset some folks because they counted as income, co-payments paid to drug stores for Merck products - by prescription drug users, as income to Merck. Why? We don't know because they turned around and expense it out as a cost of doing business. It increased the top line, or volume of business, but didn't make one penny of change in their bottom line, or profit. We noted last week our total disgust with companies lying about their money to improve stock prices, etc., but this particular issue doesn't bother us. Our business enters in the advertised price of any ad sold on our monthly income statement. Then if it was sold to an advertising agency that takes discounts (that is how they make their living), we simply make a paid out when they remit a check (less the 15% agency fee). While the two situations are a bit different, the results are the same. We have done this for 40 years without it being questioned, have been through IRS audits and even they have no problem with that accounting method.

Well, all our fishing buddies can relax. After 12 years of being entirely too busy to go fishing, we took July 4th and 5th as fishing days with our two grown sons but didn't get all the fish! The three of us went to some of our old stomping grounds in the Florida Panhandle expecting to load the boat with big 'ol' bream and she-crackers. Or course, we didn't load the boat, and those we caught were not "big 'ol' bream". The weather has been dry and that water is so clear, you can almost read a newspaper in three feet of river water. That is our excuse for not catching any fish... they saw us coming. Even though the boys wanted this to be their treat for daddy, fishing is an expensive sport and daddy insisted on paying part of the expenses. That brought on some math figuring while driving home Friday afternoon, and the results are less than favorable. We divided the number of fish caught into the dollars we personally spent and the results are, well, fish are much cheaper in the store. If you are not a fishing fan, you don't know these cost and if you are such a fan, we don't need to explain. However, we can bet we didn't come home detailing these costs to Heddy who had stayed home and worked, both cleaning the house on the holiday and back at the office on Friday. While she might say she understood, it would just mean "don't you dare say anything about my spending when the credit card bills come in next month!" Anyway, the trip was worth the cost... being away from the daily grind and spending time with ones children, even if they are adults with families of their own. We enjoyed the outdoors and matching wins with the fish. More importantly, we reminisced about happenings during the many hours spent on those rivers with each other and with friends back in the days when they were little boys and we were much younger.

The results are in and announced in a news article on the front page, but about 50% of the Elba utility users agreed to the \$5.00 volunteer donation to the local school which was added to the monthly utility bills last month. The Elba schools got \$5,375 from the first month donations. This will pay for keeping a full teacher unit (and a little more) in the Elba schools. We have had some people comment that they couldn't afford to give the money and that is okay... it is strictly between them and the utility clerk who marks their name off the list. Others have expressed differing reasons for not giving and that too is their business and they surely didn't have to tell us their reasons or even that they were not giving. We hope the coding change on the monthly bills will clear up some of the confusion this month. With two different charges carrying the same coding, it could get confusing to anyone.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 4, 2002, through July 7, 2002. They were: Mary Lou Smith, Marie Pouncey, Tremayne Warren, Jeff Odum, Glen Roberts, Maude Gentry, Wanda Messick, Anita Johnson, Geraldine Hudson, Jonathan White, James Senn and Trudie Jackson.

## THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

is now accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant.

Applicants must have High School diploma, 2 years experience in clinical work, experience in use of personal computer and professional software applications. Must also be a resident of the Elba Area. Deadline is July 12. Application Available at Chamber Office.

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## For every 1,000 babies born in Alabama more than ten will die before their first birthday. That is why the March of Dimes is engaged in a challenging struggle: the fight against birth defects, low birth weight and infant death.

On Friday, Aug. 23, businesses throughout Alabama will be participating in Blue Jeans for Babies. This is an event where employers allow their employees to wear blue jeans (or khaki pants) to work and they are also asked to purchase the official Blue Jeans for Babies T-shirt to improve stock prices, etc., but this particular issue doesn't bother us. Our business enters in the advertised price of any ad sold on our monthly income statement. Then if it was sold to an advertising agency that takes discounts (that is how they make their living), we simply make a paid out when they remit a check (less the 15% agency fee). While the two situations are a bit different, the results are the same. We have done this for 40 years without it being questioned, have been through IRS audits and even they have no problem with that accounting method.

The following arrests were made:

**THURSDAY, JULY 4** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at Windham Lumber Co. (11:33 a.m.); Possible civil disturbance (fighting) reported at Hawkinsville Park (9:20 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 5** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at Windham Lumber Co. (11:33 a.m.); Possible civil disturbance (fighting) reported at Hawkinsville Park (9:20 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 6** - River stage - 5.41 feet (6:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1404 Reese Ave. (7:42 a.m.); Disturbance reported in parking lot of Martin Luther King Dr. (6:28 p.m.); Loud and excessive music reported at Elba Villas Building C (10:36 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 7** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Prowler reported near 2551 Taylor Mill Road (11:10 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the corner of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:15 p.m.).

**MONDAY, JULY 1** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 2** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Prowler reported near 2551 Taylor Mill Road (11:10 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the corner of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:15 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

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**SUNDAY, JULY 7** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Prowler reported near 2551 Taylor Mill Road (11:10 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the corner of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:15 p.m.).

**MONDAY, JULY 8** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 9** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Prowler reported near 2551 Taylor Mill Road (11:10 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the corner of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:15 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JULY 11** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, JULY 12** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, JULY 13** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Prowler reported near 2551 Taylor Mill Road (11:10 p.m.); Disturbance reported at the corner of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:15 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 14** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, JULY 15** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 16** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JULY 18** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, JULY 19** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, JULY 20** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, JULY 21** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, JULY 22** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 23** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, JULY 25** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIEY, JULY 26** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, JULY 27** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, JULY 28** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, JULY 29** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, JULY 30** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIEY, AUGUST 2** - River stage - 5.62 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3** - River stage - 5.27 feet (6:18 a.m.); Minor accident reported in the parking lot of Mr. Henry's (7:50 a.m.); Burglary in progress reported at 558 County Road 401 (9:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS - dispatched to 1623 Caroline St. (10:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4** - River stage - 5.08 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1450 Hickman Ave. (5:05 p.m.); Routine activity.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5** - River stage - 5.95 feet (8:02 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1207 Jones Circle (5:56 a.m.); River stage - 6.95 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at Week's Tire (2:41 p.m.); Alarm activated at Ace Hardware (3:35 p.m.); Burglary reported at

## LIFESTYLES

### SAR receives award recently

The Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Enterprise, was awarded the Carl F. Bessent Award for its newsletter during the 112th SAR National Congress in Nashville, Tenn. The award, covering 2001-02, is a certificate to the chapter producing the best single sheet periodical or newsletter.

Named "The Muskete Report," the newsletter has been edited during the past three years by John R. Wallace, now serving as the Alabama Society president, and the immediate past president of the chapter. Wallace, who produces the monthly publication on his personal computer, accepted the award during the convention, and also accepted another award for a Wiregrass Chapter member.

Richard A. Kemp II was recognized for the second award of the Society's Liberty Medal, an award earned by a member who has recruited and sponsored 10 new members who join the Society for the first time.

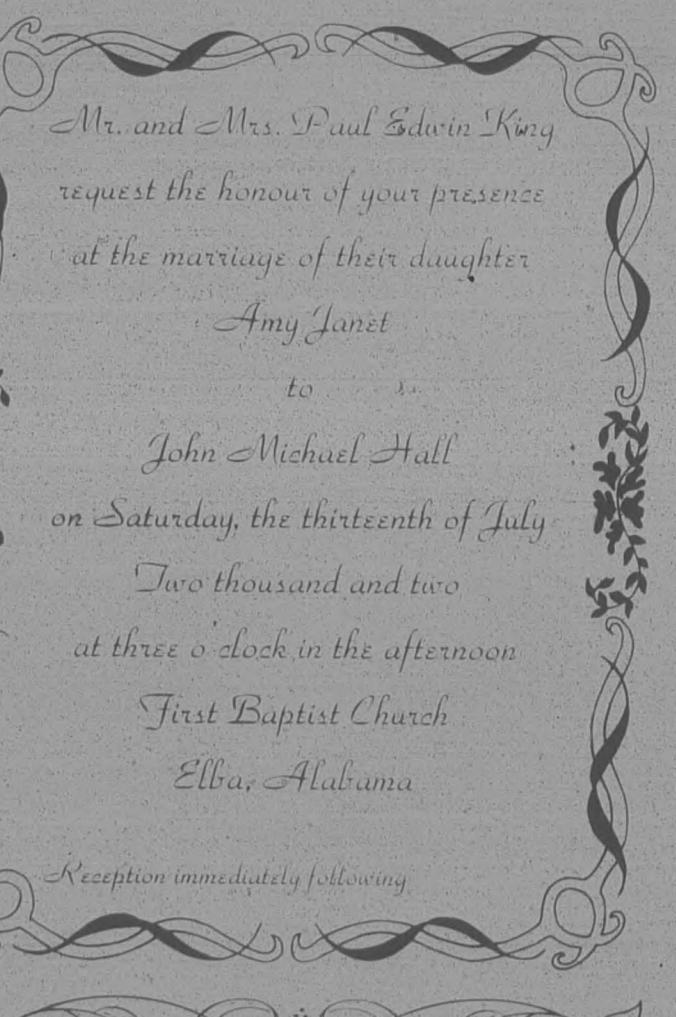
Kemp is a past state genealogist, a past chapter president, and currently serves as the chapter's registrar.



**Kelsi Von Bryan**  
celebrates first  
birthday

Kelsi Von Bryan celebrated her first birthday (May 27th) on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at her home in Enterprise, Ala. She is the daughter of Tracy and Keli Bryan.

Kelsi enjoyed a fun filled afternoon with Daddy and Mommy, Papa Jack and Mama Sue, Nanny Creel, Mimi Reynolds, and many more friends and family.



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### Miss Christina Cook honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

The stately home of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strong in the Saddle Hill Community was the setting for a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Christina Lynn Cook, bride-elect of Mr. Thomas Treutlen Anderson on Sunday afternoon, June 30, 2002.

The double front doors were flanked by Boston ferns, and adorned with arrangements of Japanese vew, English ivy, pittosporum, and an array of colors of zinnias.

Mrs. Strong welcomed many local and out-of-town guests who came to congratulate Christina and to wish her well. Miss Kristi Owens, aunt of the honoree, attended the bridal registry between the hours of half past one and three o'clock in the afternoon.

Receiving guests with the bride-elect were Mrs. Lynn Weeks, mother of the honoree; Mrs. Merlene Owens, maternal grandmother of the honoree; Mrs. Gladys Carr, maternal great-grandmother of the honoree; Mrs. Nell Cook, paternal grandmother of the honoree; and Mrs. Foy Anderson, mother of the future groom.

Guests were then directed to the dining table, covered with a white embossed organdy cloth, where Ms. Melissa Benbow Thomas presided over the silver punch service. Along with the sparkling white grape punch, the guests enjoyed miniature cheesecakes, cucumber sandwiches, toasted pecans, and handmade mints served from silver appointments. A breathtaking arrangement of magenta hydrangeas, eucalyptus, limonium, many colors of roses, and grape daisies radiating from a tall Victorian vase was the focal point of the refreshment table. Small arrangements were used throughout the home. The many floral arrangements were created artfully by Ms. Harriette Boyd, from whose garden most of the flowers were cut.

While enjoying their refreshments, the guests mingled and viewed the many gifts, which were beautifully displayed in the spacious home of Mrs. Strong. Serving as hostesses along with Ms. Strong were Ms. Harriette Boyd, Ms. Nancy Crowe, Ms. Jo Ruth English, Ms. Gena Benbow, Ms. Genette Kendrick, Ms. Pam Baker, Ms. Kaye Whitworth, Ms. Henrietta Grimes, Ms. Lucy Granham, Ms. June Clark, Ms. Candace Vaughan, Ms. Alonna Vaughan, Ms. Berrie Boland, Ms. Vicki Bandstra, Ms. Vicki Stinson, Ms. Nadine Scarborough, Ms. Molly Van Landingham, Ms. Linda Mills, Ms. Beth Henderson, Ms. Patricia Nicholson, Ms. Theresa Kelley, Ms. Janice McCall, and Ms. Sylvia Padgett.

### Hostesses honor Miss Melissa Benbow with miscellaneous bridal shower

Mrs. Lisa Thomas, the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Gennette Kendrick and Mrs. Margaret Benbow, and the grandmother of the future groom, Mrs. Doris Thomas.

After enjoyment party dainties served by Emilee Benbow, Merrith and Rebecca Benbow, sister and cousins of the honoree, guests visited and viewed the many gifts Miss Benbow received.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Susan Lawford, Mrs. Jackie Halford, Mrs. Sandra Skinner, Mrs. Myrna Connor, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Velma Moore, Mrs. Lucy Granham, Mrs. Brenda Skinner, Mrs. Pam McCollough, Mrs. Valerie McGuire, Mrs. Candace Vaughan, Mrs. Jimi Kelley, Mrs. Renita Bozeman, Mrs. Rhonda Brunson, Mrs. Sue Mitchell, Mrs. Charlotte Clark, Mrs. Ella Jean Vaughan, Mrs. Debbie Rhodes, Mrs. Mona Wise, Mrs. Rhonda Stephens, Mrs. Kaye Whitworth, and Mrs. Henrietta Grimes.

Ms. Lisa Thomas, the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Gennette Kendrick and Mrs. Margaret Benbow, and the grandmother of the future groom.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

**Bluff Springs will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, July 14**

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will celebrate their homecoming on July 14, 2002. Following the homecoming, a revival will be held July 15-17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Hubert McWaters will

**Homecoming planned for Sunday, July 14, at Chestnut Grove Methodist Church**

Chestnut Grove Methodist Church will celebrate its homecoming on July 14 at 11:00 a.m. Martha Baxter will bring the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Greater New Springfield Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate homecoming July 14**

Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton will celebrate homecoming on July 14, 2002 at

**The Voice of Praise to be in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Saturday, July 13**

Mt. Zion Baptist Church "Voice of Praise from New Myrons Cross Roads" will hold a gospel singing on July 13, 2002 at 7:00. Featuring The

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Rev. Ron Stallard  
Elba Church Of God

**Success in tragedy**

A man named Gary lived a life where money was everything to him. His Father was the same way. He had been poor. He had been shamed by a rich relative.

He decided he would do better. Someday he would own everything that the relative had. Everything he did was to get more money. Gary and his family were very successful and after many years of living a life to prosper themselves they became rich and powerful! Gary married his high school sweetheart. Gary's "reach for success" caused a divorce. Their two young sons' hung in the balance. After many years of competing for their sons, Gary's money won out. When they became old enough to choose, his sons decided to stay with him. Five days before his oldest sons graduation he was killed on his new motorcycle. It was most tragic. Money was really important to Gary. It bought him a second wife from one of his best friends, and she left him. She took half of everything. His children suffered. He was heartbroken again. Gary's quest for more money and more land continued. Gary was successful. One day he was riding his motorcycle and a horse got out in the road. He hit the horse side ways and it went flying and spinning down the road. The high grass along side the road cut into his body. Each time he rolled the grass cut into him, he remembered a decision he had made. Money does, lost love separation from his children, divorce, and tragedy. When he finally came to a stop he laid at the foot of his son's grave. That is when Gary figured out his quest for money had only brought him sadness. He had lost things money could not buy. All the things that can make a man really happy was gone. He also realized that God had spared him and had given him another chance. Now Gary lives a happy life and money is only colored paper to him. He has received a second chance from the Great God he now serves. Please look at your life and decide what is really important to you. Make everyday count and enjoy your children family and friends. Remember God has given them to you.

Jack Assembly of God will be holding its revival services Sunday, July 14 thru Wednesday, July 17. The pastor is Sister Pat Jones. Service on Sunday begins at 5:00 p.m. Week nights begin at 7:00 p.m. Located on County Road 208. Everyone is invited to attend.

Homecoming to be observed at Alberton Baptist Church on Sunday, July 14.

Alberton Baptist Church will be observing Homecoming on Sunday, July 14, with Bro. Jeff Fletcher bringing the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. A singing will be held in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Revival services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church**

A revival will be held at New Hope Baptist Church July 14-17, 2002. Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Pastor is Bro. Dan Rayle. The speaker will be Bro. Dan Rayle, pastor of First Baptist Church in Slocumb. The music leader will be Dewayne Danner.

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**Scripture: Daniel 6:1-26**

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you. Eddie Manning, Almeda Campbell, Lena Sims, The Tillis and MacBride families, Rev. E. Magwood, O. B. Daniels, Catherine Johnson, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., and Rev. J.R. Parks.

\*\*\*Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries: Abel and Falisha Bilal-wedding anniversary, Steve Wright-July 17; Brooks July 21, and Anthony

Brooks July 23.

\*\*\*Salem Baptist Church in Louisville, Ala., will hold a revival July 15-19 at 7:00 p.m.

Rightly, Rev. A. R. Williams will be the evangelist.

\*\*\*Sweet Pilgrim Baptist Church in Brundidge, Ala. will hold a revival July 29-August 2.

At 7:00 p.m. rightly, Rev. A.R. Williams will be the evangelist.

\*\*\*Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton, Ala. will celebrate their homecoming July 14, 2002. Rev. W. Curry will be the fourth of July holiday.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria John B. Johnson, Rev. E. Ewing, Jr., and Rev. J.R. Parks.

\*\*\*Those visiting Ots and Rev.

Joyce B. Johnson in Tuscaloosa, Ala. were: Eria Lindsey Belcher, Mike Manning, Evelyn and Lynsey of Elba, Wiley Brooks, Junia, Ree Rita, and Dee Nard of Enterprise, Minister Robert Edwards, Opp. Ala. and Kathy Johnson, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala. for the fourth of July holiday.

Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Elba will hold a gospel singing on Sunday, August 4, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

**Gospel Singing to be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church**

Featuring Joseph Brown, The

Church in Elba will hold a

gospel singing on Sunday,

August 4, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

**Elba First Assembly of God to have speaker Sunday, July 14**

Elba First Assembly of God

Church and Pastor Roy E. Davis

invites everyone to come worship with them Sunday, July 14.

Rev. J. C. Burks will be the

speaker at the morning

worship service.

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# SPORTS

News from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The youngest has been playing softball at the school or in the leagues since late February, and while she was sad the season ended last week with a loss in the sub-district tournament in Troy, she admitted over the weekend that she was looking forward to sleeping late, going to the pool and raiding the refrigerator. With only a month left before the beginning of school, I hope she gets in all the fun she has missed.

## SWINGS AND MISSES...

The all-star season is almost over, and while it hasn't been the best year for the baseball and softball teams from Elba, all the teams practiced hard and played hard, and represented the city well both on and off the field. The Elba Dixie Minor All Stars competed in Geneva and dropped two close games to the Enterprise teams in the tourney, while the Dixie Youth All Stars dropped their opener to Enterprise before bouncing back with a win over Hartford. Both Dixie Boys teams dropped two straight, as did the Dixie Pre-Majors, but all the baseball teams battled hard and showed everyone that the boys in Elba know how to play the game. The girls fared a little better in all-star action as the Angels and Belles both posted two wins, while the Pontails dropped two straight. The Belles placed second behind Troy, and the Angels placed third behind Enterprise and Andalusia. Not bad considering this is only the second year the Elba girls have been playing fast-pitch! The Elba All-Star teams may not have posted the best won-loss record around. However, when you look and see the teams our teams compete against, the won-loss record may not be a true indication of just how good our teams really were. In baseball, the losses have been to teams from Enterprise, Troy, Greenville, Luverne, and Daleville, while in softball the losses were to teams from Troy, Enterprise and Luverne. Luverne is the only city even close to the same size of Elba. So, the absence of the losses were because of who we played, and not how we played. Good job teams!

Ronald McKinnon will be back to town this week to conduct his fourth annual football camp, and once again the camp is free for all who want to come and learn a little about the game of football. Ronald holds free camps in Decatur, Phenix, Arizona and Elba, and always enjoys his camp in Elba a little more. He loves campers because it gives him the chance to meet a lot of his friends and help the youngsters that are just starting out. Being a pro football player is a full time job, but Ronald always finds time to come home and let everyone know he remembers where he grew up.

In closing, with the summer baseball and softball leagues winding down, I guess next week the focus will shift to the upcoming high school football season. The schedules have been completed and the players and coaches are working hard to get ready for the opening of camp, which is less than a month away. Hey, ready or not, the kickoff of the 2002 season is just around the corner.

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Fall twice to Troy

## Elba Dixie Belles settle for second

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars competed in the 2002 Dixie Belles Fast-Pitch Softball Sub-District Tournament last week in Troy and claimed two wins in four games to place second in the six-team tournament.

The Troy All-Stars went undefeated in five games to take the tournament championship, followed in order by Elba, Opp, Andalusia, Greenville and Luverne.

"We were disappointed in not winning the tournament and know we could have played better," said Belles coach Ricky Mularz, "but it was quite an accomplishment when you consider we were playing in a tournament for girls ages 13-15, and we had nine girls age 13 and three age 14. There was no doubt the girls gave it all they had, and that is all you can ask. I am proud of everyone of them!"

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against Luverne and combined 13 hits with 9 walks to claim a lopsided 20-5 win, in five innings. Valerie Hutcherson had 3 hits and scored 2 runs and 2 runs in the opening two innings to spark an early explosion that gave Elba a quick 13-2 lead. Summer Stricklin added 2 hits and scored 2 runs in the second inning to pull the lead to 15-2. Haley Stinson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs in the fifth inning to pull the lead to 18-2. Heather Reeves and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighth inning to give Elba a 22-2 lead. Summer Stricklin added 2 hits and scored 2 runs in the ninth inning to give Elba a 24-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Haley Stinson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the tenth inning to give Elba a 26-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eleventh inning to give Elba a 28-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twelfth inning to give Elba a 30-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirteenth inning to give Elba a 32-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fourteenth inning to give Elba a 34-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifteenth inning to give Elba a 36-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixteenth inning to give Elba a 38-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventeenth inning to give Elba a 40-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighteenth inning to give Elba a 42-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the nineteenth inning to give Elba a 44-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twentieth inning to give Elba a 46-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-first inning to give Elba a 48-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-second inning to give Elba a 50-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-third inning to give Elba a 52-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-fourth inning to give Elba a 54-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-fifth inning to give Elba a 56-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-sixth inning to give Elba a 58-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-seventh inning to give Elba a 60-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-eighth inning to give Elba a 62-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the twenty-ninth inning to give Elba a 64-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirtieth inning to give Elba a 66-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-first inning to give Elba a 68-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-second inning to give Elba a 70-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-third inning to give Elba a 72-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-fourth inning to give Elba a 74-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-fifth inning to give Elba a 76-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-sixth inning to give Elba a 78-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-seventh inning to give Elba a 80-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-eighth inning to give Elba a 82-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the thirty-ninth inning to give Elba a 84-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-first inning to give Elba a 86-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-second inning to give Elba a 88-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-third inning to give Elba a 90-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-fourth inning to give Elba a 92-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-fifth inning to give Elba a 94-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-sixth inning to give Elba a 96-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-seventh inning to give Elba a 98-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-eighth inning to give Elba a 100-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the forty-ninth inning to give Elba a 102-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-first inning to give Elba a 104-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-second inning to give Elba a 106-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-third inning to give Elba a 108-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-fourth inning to give Elba a 110-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-fifth inning to give Elba a 112-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-sixth inning to give Elba a 114-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-seventh inning to give Elba a 116-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-eighth inning to give Elba a 118-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the fifty-ninth inning to give Elba a 120-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-first inning to give Elba a 122-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-second inning to give Elba a 124-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-third inning to give Elba a 126-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-fourth inning to give Elba a 128-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-fifth inning to give Elba a 130-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-sixth inning to give Elba a 132-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-seventh inning to give Elba a 134-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-eighth inning to give Elba a 136-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the sixty-ninth inning to give Elba a 138-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-first inning to give Elba a 140-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-second inning to give Elba a 142-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-third inning to give Elba a 144-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-fourth inning to give Elba a 146-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-fifth inning to give Elba a 148-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-sixth inning to give Elba a 150-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-seventh inning to give Elba a 152-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-eighth inning to give Elba a 154-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the seventy-ninth inning to give Elba a 156-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-first inning to give Elba a 158-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-second inning to give Elba a 160-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-third inning to give Elba a 162-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-fourth inning to give Elba a 164-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-fifth inning to give Elba a 166-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the eighty-sixth inning to give Elba a 168-2 lead. 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Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-second inning to give Elba a 198-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-third inning to give Elba a 200-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-fourth inning to give Elba a 202-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-fifth inning to give Elba a 204-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-sixth inning to give Elba a 206-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-seventh inning to give Elba a 208-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-eighth inning to give Elba a 210-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-ninth inning to give Elba a 212-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-tenth inning to give Elba a 214-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-eleventh inning to give Elba a 216-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-twelfth inning to give Elba a 218-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-thirteenth inning to give Elba a 220-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-fourteenth inning to give Elba a 222-2 lead. Valerie Hutcherson and Valerie Hutcherson both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs each in the one-hundred-fifteenth inning to give Elba a 224-2 lead. 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County emergency providers encourage residents to properly display home address

by Linda Hedge, Editor

A joint press conference held Tuesday morning, July 16, at the Enterprise Courthouse targeted not only the people of Coffee County but anyone interested in improving response time for emergency service providers.

Agencies involved with the press conference included the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, Coffee County E-911 board, Coffee County Fire Department, Coffee County Firefighters Association and Coffee County emergency medical services.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said the intention of the group was to encourage people to address the need to have their home properly identified.

Charles Webb, chairman of the Coffee County E-911 board, said the county has designed a good marking system, but the residents would be surprised how many emergencies occur at 2 a.m. in the rain. He said the more the residents can do to help emergency personnel find them the quicker they will be able to respond to any emergency.

At least half the county has not put any marking on their mailbox," said Moates.

With that in mind, the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department has come up with a plan.

"We decided to take a pro-active approach to this problem," said Tim Driscoll, president of the Coffee County Firefighters Association and chief of the Tri-Communities Fire Department.

As their annual fundraising event, the fire department will sell reflective address markers.

Driscoll said the signs are made out of the same material as street signs and should help emergency personnel to locate a residence in the event of an emergency.

"These will greatly enhance our arrival time if you need us," said Steve Todd, a member of the task force.

The task force is a co-ordinated effort among sheriff's departments in Pike and Coffee counties to know where

the district attorney's office has the district attorney's office and six municipal and two campus police departments. Police departments involved are Troy, Enterprise, Elba, Brundidge, New Brockton, Kingston, Troy and Brundidge.

According to officers with the 12th Judicial Drug and Crime Task Force which covers Coffee and Pike counties, the number of people involved with methamphetamine increases every year; however, officers have found that many people are not fully aware of the dangers associated with these type drugs.

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An officer with the task force said that his name is not being used due to his ongoing field work.

He said that many businesses have caught on to the growing trend and will notice law enforcement when they feel someone is buying the products to manufacture the drug; however, the downside to this is that the drug manufacturers also recognize this and purchase the items at different stores so they do not look suspicious.

"The really scary thing about this is that people can be living next to a meth lab and not realize it," he said. "And, more than likely most people already have many of the ingredients used to manufacture meth in their home."

Between the hardware store, grocery store and Wal-Mart, the officer said a person can get everything they need to manufacture methamphetamine.

"You don't have to go to a specialty store to get the ingredients," he said. "However, you won't find any ingredients used to manufacture methamphetamine that's not a poison or highly flammable."

As a matter of fact, he said all the ingredients used in the manufacture of meth include warning labels on the containers.

These warnings range from "Danger! Flammable Liquid and Vapor" to "Harmful or fatal if swallowed."

Some of these type ingredients include: Red Devil Lye,

the Enterprise Rescue Squad and representative of the county's emergency medical service providers during Tuesday's press conference.

The signs are highly visible during the day or night and contain a reflective material on both sides. It is fade resistant which will allow it to last for years; and it comes with pre-drilled holes for mounting.

A sign can be purchased for \$15. An additional \$2 can be paid for a post to mailbox.

Charles Webb, chairman of the Coffee County E-911 board, said he encourages anyone interested in purchasing one of these signs to check with their local fire department, and if that department does not have one, to check with the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department.

Also, he said anyone interested in further details or to order a sign can call him at home at 347-5160.

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